

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### ***Listing of Claims:***

1. (Currently Amended) A patch, comprising:

a backing layer; and

an adhesive layer disposed on the backing layer, the adhesive layer comprising a drug and an adhesive base agent comprising

a styrene-isoprene-styrene block copolymer,

2-ethylhexyl acrylate-vinyl acetate copolymer, wherein the weight ratio of the content of the styrene-isoprene-styrene block copolymer to 2-ethylhexyl acrylate-vinyl acetate copolymer is from 1:1 to 9:1,

a basic ~~nitrogen-including~~ nitrogen-containing polymer comprising a basic nitrogen and having no adhesion properties at normal temperature, the basic ~~nitrogen-including~~ nitrogen-containing polymer being selected from the group consisting of methyl methacrylate-butyl methacrylate-dimethylaminoethyl methacrylate terpolymer, and polyvinyl acetal diethylamino acetate, and

an organic acid selected from the group consisting of acetic acid, sodium acetate and citric acid,

wherein the patch is configured to have a maximum skin permeation rate of from

about 1.5  $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2/\text{hr}$  to about 3.2  $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2/\text{hr}$  and to have improved adhesion, cohesion or stability.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously presented) The patch according to claim 1, wherein solubility of the drug with respect to water is 1% or less.

4. (Previously presented) The patch according to claim 1 or 3, wherein the drug is at least one member selected from the group consisting of pergolide, pergolide mesylate, nifedipine, nitrendipine and indomethacin.

5. (Canceled).

6. (Previously presented) The patch according to any one of claims 1, 3 and 4, wherein the adhesive layer further comprises an alicyclic saturated hydrocarbon-based tackifier.

7. (Canceled).